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USD SETS COURTROOM DEDICATION NOVEMBER 7

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The name Joseph B. Grace, Sr., will be given to the new courtroom facility in More Hall at the University of San Diego School of Law. Dedication ceremonies will be held on November 7. Admittance is by invitation only.

Acting Dean Grant H. Morris will preside at the program beginning at 10:15 am. Sr. Sally Furay, Vice-President and Provost, will say the invocation. Dean Donald T. Weckstein will extend the welcome from the Law School and introduce special guests.

USD President Author E. Hughes will present the Joseph P. Grace, Sr., Courtroom to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Leo. T. Maher. Bishop Maher will accept the facility for the Trustees.

The dedication address will be delivered by Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman. His topic will be "Economics of Free Speech".

The Benediction will be said by Msgr. I. Brent Eagen.

An invitation luncheon will follow in De Sales Hall. The Honorable Louis M. Welsh, Chairman of the Law School Board of Visitors, will preside.

The Supreme Court of the State of California will be in session in the afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

The day's celebrations will culminate with a dinner at Vacation Village co-hosted by the University and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. Seating for 500 persons is sold out. Milton Friedman will deliver a major address. His title is "Money and Inflation".

Joseph P. Grace, Sr., was the son of William R. Grace, a former New York mayor. His son, Charles Macdonald Grace is a trustee of the University of San Diego and a major donor to the courtroom facility. Grace, Sr., served as President and later as Chairman of the Board of Directors of W.R. Grace & Co., international trade and shipping company. He was a patron of education and a leading Roman Catholic layman. He was one of the founders of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Mr. Grace, Sr., was an alumnus and later Trustee of Columbia University.

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According to Acting Dean Grant H. Morris, "Our courtroom facilities were made possible through the generosity of private donors and foundations such as the Irvine Foundation and the Ford Foundation. In response to USD's sense of community service, the courtroom will be used occasionally for hearings by the San Diego legal community."

The Grace Courtroom is patterned after the old United States Supreme Court Chamber in Washington, D.C. as it was when first used in 1810.

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